FILING A DOCUMENT/DOCKETING- OTHER **EXAMPLE: AFFIDAVIT**

The following instructions will guide you through the process of filing and docketing a miscellaneous document or an "Other" event in the Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system.

STEP 1 Select Bankruptcy from the Main Menu, and then click on Other hypertext link.

STEP 2 The Case Number entry screen appears.



- Enter a case number, and click on the **Next** button to continue.
- ◆ If the computer prompts that you entered an invalid case number, click on **Back** hypertext link to re-enter.
- Click on Next.

STEP 3 This screen allows you to select the type of pleading being filed.



- Using up and down arrows to right of box, scroll the options to highlight the type of document being filed.
- ◆ Click on **Next** to proceed, or **Clear** to repeat selecting.
- **STEP 4** This screen allows you to select whether or not you are filing the motion/application with a joint attorney.



This screen is used only if another attorney is joining in a filing. If you are the only trustee/attorney filing this application, skip this screen by clicking [Next] and proceed to Step 5.

◆ If this is a joint filing and the box is checked, a listing of attorneys presently on the case will be presented for selection.

STEP 5 Select the Party screen appears



- ◆ If the name of party/filer is listed, click on the name(s), click on Next and then proceed to Step 8. [If the selection box is full, use the scroll arrows to further search for the party name(s)]

 To select more than one name from the list, hold down the Ctrl key and use your mouse to click on the names.
- ◆ If the name of party(s) is not listed, click on Add/Create New Party

The **Search for a party** screen appears.



- ◆ Enter a social security number (SSN), Tax Id number or one to four letters of the party's last name or business name (using upper case characters). Click on **Search**
- ◆ The Search for a party (party results) screen appears



- ♦ If name(s) is not listed, click on Create New Party and proceed to Step 6.
- ◆ If the name(s) is listed, click on it. Click **Select name(s) from list**.
- Party's information appears for verification and modification, if necessary.
 [This screen appears every time you select a party that exists or has been added to the system.]
- ◆ Click on drop box, **Role**, to select appropriate party role, (i.e., Debtor, Creditor, etc.).
- ◆ To add Party Text, such as A Montana Corporation, do so now in box provided
- ◆ Click on **Submit** to continue, **Clear** to re-key party information or **Cancel** to go back to the **Select the Party** screen.
- ◆ Proceed to **Step 8**.

STEP 6 The **Party Information** screen appears:



- ◆ Enter the party information in appropriate fields. Use the *Last Name* field for last name or full business name, then press the tab key to advance to the *First Name* field and enter first name. Proceed to the *Role* field by clicking on the arrow to the right of the box to select the new person's role, (i.e., Creditor (cr:cr).
- ◆ Click on **Submit** to continue, **Clear** to re-key party information or **Cancel** to go back to the **Select the Party** screen.

STEP 7 The Select the Party screen appears with your party highlighted. Click on Next.



STEP 8 The attorney/party association screen appears.



NOTE FOR ASSOCIATION: Click the box to associate the attorney with the party added/selected. Click NEXT to continue. [You may receive this message if an attorney has not previously been associated with the party].

STEP 9 Select the PDF Document screen appears.



◆ Type the file name in the blank box, being sure to include pdf suffix, or click on **Browse.** The Choose file screen will appear:



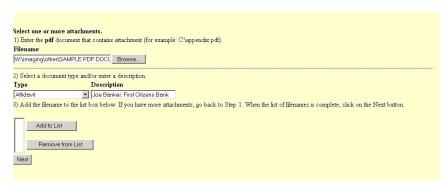
- ◆ Change **Files of type**: to Acrobat [*.pdf] or All Files.
- Change **File name**: to appropriate drive where document is located.
- Click on file name to be associated with this entry. Right click and **Open** to view document.
- ◆ Double Click or Click on **Open.** The following screen appears:



If there are attachments to document, e.g. exhibit, appendix, etc.

- Click on the radio button next to *Yes*.
- ◆ Click on Next.

STEP 10 Select one or more attachments screen appears. All exhibits must be attached at this screen:



- Select the filename of your attachment by using **Brows**e.
- ◆ Click on the ▼down arrow next to **Type** and click on type of attachment.
- ◆ Click in **Description** box and type in any additional description.
- ◆ Click on Add to List.
- Continue to *Add Attachments* using the above steps as necessary.
- Once all attachments have been added, click on **Next**.

If there are no attachments to document:

◆ Click on Next

STEP 11 Reference an Existing Document screen appears:



- ◆ Click on box if the filing refers to an existing document.
- ◆ Click on **Next.** The following screen appears:

Note: You are instructed to complete the final docket text window with the name of the document to which the Affidavit refers.

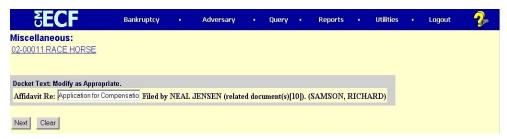


- ◆ Click on the ▲ up and ▼ down arrow to select the category of documents to which your document refers.
- ◆ Click on **Next.** The following screen appears:



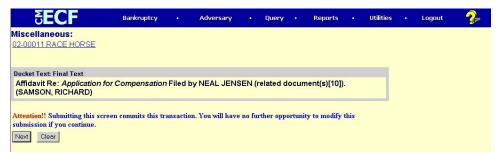
- Scroll through the documents and click in the box of the related document.
- ◆ Click on **Next**.

STEP 12 Docket Text: Modify as Appropriate screen appears.



- ◆ Type the name of the document to which the Affidavit refers in the docket text window.
- ◆ Click on Next.
- Verify docket entry as it appears on screen.
- If correct, click on **Next** to submit filing to court.
- ◆ If docket entry is incorrect, press **Back** to make corrections, or start over by clicking on **Bankruptcy** on the main menu bar.

STEP 13 Docket Text: Final Text screen appears.



- Verify docket entry as it appears on screen.
- If correct, click on **Next** to submit filing to court.
- ◆ If docket entry is incorrect, press **Back** to make corrections, or start over by clicking on **Bankruptcy** on the main menu bar.

Receipt of Filing

Once entry is submitted after final approval, the **Notice of Electronic Filing** screen appears. This screen gives confirmation that the system has received the entry, and the entry now is an official court document. Scroll down to view entire receipt.



The **Notice of Electric Filing** appears each time you submit a filing to the court through the ECF System. Each notice will include the following:

- ♦ Who filed the document:
- ◆ Date and Time:
- ♦ Case Name:
- ♦ Case Number:
- ◆ Document Number:
- Original filename (pdf):
- ◆ Electronic document Stamp:

Print receipt

- Click on File at top of Internet Explorer screen and select **Print**, or
- Click on the Printer Icon at the top of the page.

[Note: It is highly suggested that copies of receipts be maintained for your records]